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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 Address to: Mail Stop ____ Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	IRVN-007CON 4642
	First Named Inventor	Gale A. Granger
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	Group Art Unit	1646
	Examiner Name	Joseph F. Murphy
	Title	"Treating Arthritis with TNF Receptor Releasing Enzyme"

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated March 11, 2003 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before June 11, 2003. As such, this response is timely filed. Applicants hereby Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time, making this response timely filed on or before September 11, 2003.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.